

St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Roman Catholic Church



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All children in grades 1-8 should be registered every year for Religious Education classes.

MUSIC DIRECTOR:

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SATURDAY EVENING MASSES:

5:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

SUNDAY MASSES:

8:15, 9:45 (Alternating English & Spanish at St. Gertrude),
11:30 (Spanish), 1:15

WEEKDAY MASSES:

12:10—Monday thru Friday
7:30 PM (in Spanish) - Fridays

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 PM or by appointment.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Mondays after the
12:10 Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Sundays 2:30 - 3:30 PM and Every Friday 1:00 PM to
7:00 PM.

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are scheduled for the Third Saturday of each month in Spanish and the Fourth Saturday of each month in English. Parents should call for an appointment with a priest to arrange for the baptism of child. Birth Certificate should be presented at this time.

MARRIAGES: Call the rectory for an appointment with a priest at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

SICK CALLS: Emergencies - ANY TIME. Home bound - call the rectory

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: The normal way for being received into full communion with the Catholic Church is through the R.C.I.A. Adults interested in being baptized, confirmed or making first communion should speak with a member of the parish staff to enroll

CORO HISPANO: MIERCOLES 7:30 PM

CIRCULO DE ORACION CARISMATICO: JUEVES 7:30 PM

CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD: VIERNES 7:30 PM

SANTO NOMBRE & SAGRADO CORAZON: 4th DOMINGO
DESPUES DE LA MISA DE LAS 11:30

CENÁCULO SACERDOTAL: Rosario el 4to Domingo—11:00
A.M. en Santa Gertrudis

LEGION DE MARIA: (Tres grupos) Lunes 7:30-9:00 PM -
McKenna; Sábados 9:30-11:00 AM—Sta. Gertrudis; Sábados 10:30-
12:00 PM - Sótano de la Rectoría

Rosary Society: 1st & 4th Sunday of month after 8:15 & 9:45
Mass

St. Vincent De Paul Society: Contact the Rectory

Charismatic Prayer Group in English Mondays at 7:00 P.M. at
St. Gertrude Church

Stewardship Committee: 2nd Sunday 2:30 P.M.

Sacred Heart Adoration in English: 2nd Sunday after the 8:15 A.M.
Mass

Haitian Committee

Nigerian Committee: 4th Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

Golden Age Club: (Club Edad de Oro) 2nd & 4th Thursday (Jueves)
9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. in the McKenna Center

AA English: Thursdays 8:00 P.M. & Sundays 6:30 P.M.

AA Spanish: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays
8:00 P.M.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 28, 2015

5:00 pm - Kriston Singh (dec)
7:30 pm - Maria Diaz (dec)

Sunday, March 1, 2015 – Second Sunday of Lent

8:15 am - Stephanie Grot (dec)
9:45 am - Divino Niño Jesús (acción de gracias)
Luis Manuel Rosario (dec)
Maria Cornelia Espinal (dec)
11:30 am - Pedro Bonilla Sr. & Pedro Bonilla Jr. (acción de gracias)
Maria Alejandra Hidalgo (dec)
1:15 pm - John J. Waldron
Tyrone Obee (dec)
Marie Claude Guiteau (healing)

Monday, March 2, 2015

12:10 pm - Judith Ortiz Montero (dec)

Tuesday, March 3, 2015 - St. Katharine Drexel

12:10 pm - Angeline Pandolfo (dec)
Joanne Murray (thanksgiving)

Wednesday, March 4, 2015 - St. Casimir

12:10 pm - For the People of St. Mary & St. Gertrude

Thursday, March 5, 2015

12:10 pm - Andrew Sichani (birthday)

Friday, March 6, 2015

12:10 pm - For the conversion of souls
7:30 pm - Maria Luisa & Zenoa Delgado (dec)

Saturday, March 7, 2015 - Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

5:00 pm - For the People of St. Mary & St. Gertrude
7:30 pm - Consuelo Castillo (dec)
Silvia Sanchez (dec)

Sunday, March 8, 2015 – Third Sunday of Lent

8:15 am - For the People of St. Mary & St. Gertrude
9:45 am - Luis Manuel Rosario (dec)
11:30 am - Por los Sacerdotes
1:15 pm - Martin & Pearl Waldron

PLEASE PRAY for The Sick: Ettia Miller, Clide Oliver, Wendy Blackman, Geraldine Miller, Lyonel Hilaire, Juan Santana, Pedro Bonilla and the homebound.

All the faithfully departed: Jean C. Rocourt.

BIBLE STUDY

Next Bible Study is on Sunday, March 15, 2015 after the 1:15 Mass in Church.



Second Sunday of Lent

If God is for us, who can be against us?
— Romans 8:31b

We Are A Tithing Community Following God's Plan for Giving

In return for the Lord's generosity, our people returned to His Church the following:

Offertory Collection

1st Collection last weekend - \$5243.22

Second Collection – \$1366.00

First Collection Last Year: \$4068.22

"Our Weekly Offering is One Way of Saying: WE BELONG to the Lord... And One Another. What Does **YOUR** Weekly Offering Say? Pray for His Guidance! THEN Make or Renew Your Commitment to Tithing.

Weekday Readings

Sun * Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18 *Ps116:10,15-19 * Mk 9:2-10
Mon * Dn 9:4b-10 * Ps 79:8-9,11,13 * Lk 6:36-38
Tues * Is 1:10, 16-20 * Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17, 21, 23 * Mt 23:1-12
Wed * Jer 18:18-20 * Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 * Mt 20:17-28
Thurs * Jer 17:5-10 * Ps 1:1-4, 6 * Lk 16:19-31
Fri * Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a * Ps 105:16-21 * Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat * Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 * Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 * Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Altar Server Assignments for Mar. 7 & 8, 2015

Sat. 5:00 PM - Christian Rodriguez, Genesis Contreras
Sat. 7:30 PM - Melissa Ventura, Monica Ventura, Evin Flores, Jeison Fernandez
Sun. 8:15 AM – ChinelanChukwu, Chibuikem Chukwu, Iziegbeuwa Odia
Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo
Sun. 11:30 AM – Sebastian Rosas, Edward Peña, Joselin Lopez, Jossabeth Castaneda
Sun. 1:15 PM – Kevin Robles, Bianca Ramjassingh

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday: After the 12:10 Mass—English
After the 7:30 Mass—Spanish

Set Clocks Ahead



Daylight Saving Time Begins: Set your clock ahead one hour next Saturday, March 7, 2015.



Second Sunday of Lent

“THIS IS MY BELOVED SON. LISTEN TO HIM.”

The Transfiguration takes our breath away. It is good that we are dazzled on a yearly basis, because we need this brightness to bring us back to lives of love and purpose. We really want to put Christ first, but the harshness of daily life often pushes him to the sidelines. Today he makes his annual and very hard-to-ignore appearance arrayed in shimmering splendor. Again we hear God’s voice: “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him” (Mark 9:7). And like Peter, James, and John before us, we really want to listen, for we know that he is our Beloved, too.

“ALL THIS BECAUSE YOU OBEYED MY COMMAND”

Though Jesus knew his trials were about to begin, that day on the mountain he recommitted himself to fulfilling his destiny. That day he experienced God’s love so profoundly that he was able to become a willing sacrifice for human sin. And how deeply must God love us by allowing the Crucifixion to happen! “He . . . did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all” (Romans 8:32).

In the first reading, Abraham’s profound commitment to God’s call caused him to put the knife to his own son’s neck. God rewarded Abraham’s unswerving obedience with abundant blessings and “descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and sands of the seashore . . . All this because you obeyed my command” (Genesis 22:17, 18).

Today the readings invite us to taste God’s deep love and to listen to God’s Son. Most importantly, we are encouraged to continue God’s love story, recommitting our lives to Christ. As we reflect on God’s message of total obedience, let us pray for guidance to see clearly the shape of our destiny. Echoing the psalmist’s words, “O Lord, I am your servant” (Psalm 116:16), let us willingly accept any hardships that we encounter and any sacrifices that are necessary, knowing that along the way we will be dazzled and deeply loved.

LENTEN PRAYER

Dear Lord,
As I make my Lenten journey with You,
send me Your Spirit, help me to give of myself,
help me to turn away from sin,
and help me to fast and pray, so that I
may know You and serve You better.
Let me be renewed through my journey
to share Your grace with the world.
Amen.



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2015 LENTEN REFLECTIONS
5 Tuesdays at 7pm

Mar. 3 Deep Prayer

Mar. 10 Communion of Saints

Mar. 17 “CPR” (Spiritual Healing)

Mar. 24 Jesus and You

Each Reflection will be Followed by the Stations of the Cross
BRING A FRIEND...
ALL ARE WELCOME



Retreat for Post -Abortion Healing

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, Jesus is waiting to give you His mercy and forgiveness to a HOPE AND HEALING RETREAT with the Sisters of Life at St. Frances De Chantal Convent located at 198 Hollywood Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465. The dates are Saturdays March 21, May 2 and June 6 from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. The retreat and lunch are FREE. The retreats are in English. For directions, information and a reservation call Sr. Veronica at 718-863-2264.

Trip to the Divine Mercy Shrine!

St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude invite you to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 12, 2015. The cost of the trip is \$50.00 per person. Departure time 6:00 A.M. For more information call 718-440-1328.



Catechizing During Lent

The Seven Sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church are:

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| Baptism | Penance |
| Confirmation | Anointing of the Sick |
| Eucharist | Matrimony |
| Holy Orders | |

Catequizando durante la Cuaresma

Los Siete Sacramentos de la Santa Iglesia Católica son:

Bautismo	Reconciliación
Confirmación	Unción de los Enfermos
Eucaristía	Matrimonio
Orden Sagrado	

Community Happenings Corner

Catholic High School Scholarship

Bishop Kearney High School in Brooklyn, NY is offering a Student Sponsored Partners (SSP) scholarship to students who will be starting 9th grade in September 2015. This scholarship is for admittance to Bishop Kearney High School only. For eligibility information, see flyer in church lobby, or call 718 236-6363 or find information on their website at www.bishopkearneyhs.org.

Summer 2015 Camp Program Registration

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is now accepting online applications for its 68th annual summer program for youth 11 through 17 years old. The 2015 summer camp season begins on June 28, 2015. Registrations may only be done online at: www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html. The fee is \$350.00 per one-week session, per camper. See flyer in Church lobby for more information.

Far Rockaway Long Term Recovery Assistance "Call to Action"

The Far Rockaway Long term Recovery team meet every other Wednesday night. This group is diligently working to assist in the long term recovery of the Rockaways. They can offer assistance and referrals to families who were affected by Hurricane Sandy. Join them at their next meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at Battalion Pentecostal Assembly, Inc., 454 Beach 67th Street, Arverne, NY. All are welcome; pass the word to your family, friends and neighbors.

Free Mammogram Screening at St. Mary

Fidelis Cares will be providing free mammograms for women over 40 who have not had a mammogram in the past year. A mobile unit will be in the parking lot of St. Mary starting at 9:00 AM on Sunday, March 15, 2015. You must register before March 15th by calling Jenny at 646 739-0458. For more information, see the flyer in the Church lobby.

JOBS ARE AVAILABLE

ReServe is offering paid, part-time positions for afternoon Tutors through the MS ExTRA program with the NYC Department of Education and the After School Corporation (TASC). Visit their website for more information – www.reserveinc.org, or call 212 727-4335.

Build-it-Back is hiring! For an up-to-date listing of positions, visit their website at <https://a127-jobs.nyc.gov/jobsearch.html>? Keyword = build+it+back.

Annual Civil Service Exam Schedule - The NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services currently has Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers (CTACs) open to the public. Visit their website to apply for jobs and get exam schedules and filing deadlines at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs.

HHA Jobs Alert! - Join our team of Home Health Aides- Summit Home Health Care is currently seeking home health aides. Immediate hire if you meet all the requirements. No appointments necessary. We are located at 1797 Coney Island Avenue, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Call 718 376-3100 or visit our website at www.TrustSummit.com.

Register to Vote – Your Vote Counts!!!!

If you have not yet done so, please remember to register to vote as soon as possible. It is important that all residents of the Rockaways who can register to vote do register to vote. Don't forget to vote in **ALL** elections; local, state and federal. Our community is often overlooked by aid from our government because they feel that we don't care enough to register and to vote. If we do not register and do not vote we will continue to be the 'forgotten peninsula' of NYC. Visit the rectory and pick up a voter registration form in either English or Spanish. Voter Registration Forms are also available in other languages; ask for more information at the rectory. Remember, YOUR VOTE COUNT!!!

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Colecta del Domingo pasado: \$5243.22

Segunda Colecta: \$1366.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4068.22

Un Promedio de Gastos Semanales: \$4787.00

Si usted es nuevo en nuestra parroquia, puede hacerse miembro oficial de Santa María llenando una tarjeta de inscripción que está disponible en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia. Que Dios les bendiga!

ORACION PARA LA CUARESMA

Señor,
Al caminar en este viaje cuaresmal junto a Ti,
envíame Tu Espíritu, ayúdame a dar de mí mismo, ayúdame a alejarme del pecado,
ayúdame a ayunar y orar, para que yo pueda conocerte y servirte mejor.
Permíteme ser renovado a través de mi viaje para compartir tu gracia con el mundo. Amén.



Santa María Estrella del Mar y la Comunidad Salvadoreña

Los invita a la Misa en conmemoración del 35 Aniversario del Martirio del Monseñor Oscar Arnulfo Romero y en Acción de Gracias por su pronta Beatificación.

Martes 24 de Marzo del 2015 a las 7:30 P.M.

Inmediatamente después de la Misa presentaremos un documental de la vida y obra de Monseñor Romero.

Todos están invitados!

Paseo al Santuario de la Divina Misericordia—Santa

María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis les invitan al Santuario Nacional de la Divina Misericordia en Massachusetts el domingo, 12 de Abril del 2015. El costo es \$50.00 por persona. Salida a las 6:00 A.M. Para mas información llamar al 718-440-1328.



**Adelanten su reloj una hora el próximo
Sábado 7 de Marzo, 2015.**



Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

“ESTE ES MI HIJO, EL AMADO, ESCÚCHENLO”

La transfiguración nos deja sin aliento. Es bueno que estemos deslumbrados durante todo el año, porque necesitamos que este resplandor nos lleve a una vida de amor y de metas. Necesitamos de veras poner primero a Jesús, pero los obstáculos de la vida diaria frecuentemente lo relegan a un lado. Jesús, envuelto en un gran esplendor, hace hoy su aparición anual y muy difícil de ignorar. Nuevamente escuchamos la voz de Dios: “Este es mi Hijo, el Amado, escúchenlo”. Y, como Pedro, Santiago y Juan frente a nosotros, también queremos escucharlo, porque sabemos que Él es nuestro Amado, también.

“PORQUE HAS OBEDECIDO MI VOZ”

Aunque Jesús sabía que sus padecimientos estaban por empezar, ese día en la montaña se comprometió nuevamente a cumplir su destino. Ese día experimentó tan profundamente el amor de Dios que se mostró dispuesto a sacrificarse por los pecados de los hombres. ¡Y qué profundamente debe amarnos Dios para permitir la Crucifixión! “Ni siquiera perdonó a su propio Hijo, sino que lo entregó por todos nosotros”. En la primera lectura, el profundo compromiso de Abrahán al llamado de Dios lo llevó a poner un cuchillo en el cuello de su propio hijo. Dios premió la obediencia inquebrantable de Abrahán con bendiciones abundantes y “descendientes, que serán tan numerosos como las estrellas del cielo o como la arena que hay a orillas del mar... porque has obedecido mi voz”.

Las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a sentir el amor profundo de Dios y a escuchar al Hijo de Dios. Lo más importante es que nos animan a continuar la historia del amor de Dios, entregando nuestra vida a Cristo. Al reflexionar en el mensaje de total obediencia a Dios, oremos por una guía que nos permita ver claramente nuestro destino. Repitiendo las palabras del salmista: “Mira, Señor, que soy tu servidor”, aceptemos voluntariamente cualquier obstáculo que encontremos y cualquier sacrificio que sea necesario, sabiendo que en el camino seremos deslumbrados y amados profundamente.

Rincón de Eventos en la Comunidad

Becas Para Escuelas Secundaria Católicas (Catholic High School) - La Escuela Secundaria Obispo Kearney en Brooklyn, en unión con Student Sponsored Partners (SSP) están ofreciendo becas a estudiantes que comenzaran el noveno grado en septiembre del 2015. Esta beca es para la admisión a Bishop Kearney solamente. Para información sobre elegibilidad, ver folleto en el vestíbulo de la iglesia, o llame al 718 236-6363 o visite el sitio www.bishopkearneyhs.org.

Registración para el Programa de Campamento de Verano 2015
El Departamento de Estado de Nueva York de Conservación Ambiental (DEC) está aceptando solicitudes en línea para su programa anual de verano para los jóvenes de 11 a 17 años. La temporada del Campamento de Verano 2015 comienza el 28 de junio de 2015. Las inscripciones sólo se pueden hacer en línea en: www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html. El costo es de \$ 350.00 por sesión de una semana, por campista. Ver folleto en el vestíbulo Iglesia para más información.

“Llamada a la Acción” Asistencia de Recuperación a Largo Plazo de Far Rockaway—El equipo de recuperación a largo plazo de Far Rockaway se reúne cada segundo Miércoles en la noche. Este grupo está trabajando diligentemente para ayudar en la recuperación a largo plazo de los Rockaways. Pueden ofrecer ayuda y referencias a las familias que fueron afectadas por el huracán Sandy. Únete a ellos en su próxima reunión el Miércoles, 11 de Marzo del 2015 de 7:00 a 8:30 en la Iglesia Batallón Asamblea Pentecostal, 454 Beach 67th Street, Arverne, NY. Corra la voz a sus familiares, vecinos y amigos. Todos son bienvenidos.

Examen de Mamografía Gratuito en Santa María

Fidelis Cares estará proporcionando mamografías gratuitas para mujeres mayores de 40 años que no han tenido una mamografía en el último año. Una Unidad Móvil estará en el estacionamiento de Santa María comenzando a las 9:00 A.M. el Domingo, 15 de marzo del 2015. Deberá registrarse antes del 15 de marzo llamando a Jenny al 646 739-0458. Para obtener más información, consulte el folleto en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia.

TRABAJOS DISPONIBLES

ReServe está ofreciendo puestos a tiempo parcial para tutores de la tarde a través del programa MS ExTRA con el Departamento de Educación de NYC y la Corporación del Programa Después de la Escuela (TASC). Visite su sitio web para obtener más información - www.reserveinc.org, o llame al 212 727-4335.

Build-it-Back está contratando! Para obtener una lista actualizada de las posiciones, visite su sitio web en [https://a127-jobs.nyc.gov/jobsearch.html?Palabra clave = build+ it+ back](https://a127-jobs.nyc.gov/jobsearch.html?Palabra+clave+=+build+it+back).

ALERTA DE EMPLEOS EN CUIDADO DE ENFERMOS/

ANCIANOS EN EL HOGAR—Únete a nuestro equipo de Home Health Aides. Summit Home Health Care está actualmente buscando personas para cuidado de enfermos/ancianos en el hogar. Empleo inmediato si cumple con todos los requisitos. No necesita hacer cita. Estamos localizados en el 1797 Coney Island Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11230. Llámenos al 718-376-3100 o visítenos en: www.TrustSummit.com.

Registrarse para votar - Tu voto cuenta !!!!!

Si aún no lo ha hecho, por favor recuerde inscribirse para votar tan pronto como le sea posible. Es importante que todos los residentes de los Rockaways que pueden votar se registren. No te olvides de votar en todas las elecciones; locales, estatales y federal.es. Nuestra comunidad es muchas veces pasada por alto y no recibe ayuda por nuestro gobierno, porque sienten que no nos importa lo suficiente registrarnos y votar. Si no nos registramos y votamos, nosotros seguiremos siendo la 'península olvidada' de Nueva York. Visita la rectoría y recoge un formulario de inscripción de votantes en Inglés o Español. Formularios de Inscripción de Votantes también están disponibles en otros idiomas; favor de pedir más información en la rectoría. **Recuerde, TU VOTO CUANTA !!!**